FUNKY NEW GROUP WITH AN OLD-SCHOOL SOUL/BLUES SOUND & FEEL

Hard-driving blues rhythms and soul grooves fuel the blistering performance of D.C.-based soul blues band Vintage#18. After attending a performance, John Porter, WCVE declares, "Vintage#18 is a band you have to see live in order to appreciate their level of performance." According to *The Alternate Root*, "Robbin Kapsalis delivers vocals that slink through a smokey haze of Soul."

Performing together since 2013, the band sharpened their sound and performance chops in clubs throughout Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. In 2016, they represented the Central Virginia Blues Society at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tennessee and afterward immediately began working on their debut album, *Grit*.

The album reflects the band's love of classic 60's Soul and Blues, featuring a mix of originals as well as two covers (ZZ Top and Bob Dylan). Grit debuted at #5 on the *Roots Music Report*'s **Top 50 Soul Blues Album Chart** and held the #1 spot for six consecutive weeks, and has floated in the Top 10 since its release; also charting #17 on the *Roots Music Report*'s **Top 50 Blues Albums**. The band received their first industry nod in early 2017 — a **Blues Blast Music Award** nomination for **New Artist Album Debut**.

The band's live performances generated quite the buzz throughout Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia. **Mark Wenner** of **The Nighthawks** says, "Robbin is a whirlwind of soulful excitement backed by one of the tightest trios in the trade." **Nick "Dr. Nick" Johnson**, WPFW declares "Their onstage performance, with Robbin's boundless energy, will leave you breathless".

Before long, Vintage#18 found themselves opening shows for The Nighthawks, Billy Price, Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials, Albert Cummings, Selwyn Birchwood, and Coco Montoya.

Blues In the South hit it on the head... "Although this outfit is undoubtedly a blues band, they have a distinctively individual sound."

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